

**Ad-Hoc Emergency Committee Meeting**

**September 12, 2013, 4:00 p.m., Eastville**

Members Present: Larry LeMond, Chairman  
Spencer Murray  
Pat Coady (late)  
Martina Coker  
Willie Randall  
Dr. Pamela Gray

Member Absent: Dr. Federico Molera

Also present: Janice Williams, Asst. to the County Administrator  
Hollye Carpenter, Director of Emergency Medical Services  
Granville F. Hogg, Jr., citizen

The meeting of the Ad-Hoc Emergency Committee was convened at 4:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Randall, to approve the minutes of the 8/29/2013 meeting. All members were present with the exceptions of Dr. Molera and Mr. Coady and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Randall, that the Committee enter Closed Session in accordance with Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended:

Paragraph 5: Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.

All members were present with the exceptions of Dr. Molera and Mr. Coady and voted "yes."  
The motion was unanimously passed.

After Closed Session, the Chairman reconvened the meeting and said that the Committee had entered the closed session for that purpose as set out in paragraph 5 of Section 2.1-3711 of the Code of

Virginia of 1950, as amended. Upon being polled individually, each member confirmed that this was the only matter of discussion during the closed session.

The Committee recognized Mr. Granville F. Hogg, Jr., who discussed an e-mail proposal he had sent to Mrs. Coker, offering for consideration a parcel of land he owned near Eastville containing approximately 31 acres. He indicated that the property had good access to Town water, there was a median crossing nearby, and it had access to Rt. 13 from the front and rear of the parcel. He asked that should the Committee be interested in the acquiring the property, that he be allowed to retain frontage on the property as well as area for another Town well site.

The Committee thanked Mr. Hogg for his proposal but indicated that it was probably premature to consider such offer.

Mrs. Coker distributed a map showing properties near Cape Charles but noted that there may be potential restrictions which exclude residential and commercial development. She will continue discussions with the Cape Charles Town Manager for clarification.

Ms. Carpenter noted that approximately 10-12 acres behind the Cape Charles Rescue Station was available. Chairman Randall also provided a map of prospective properties in this same vicinity.

Ms. Carpenter then distributed call volume statistics including Transports by Air Ambulance, EMS Performance Measure Data, listing of active/inactive response personnel and a flow-chart showing the various county emergency stations and their proximity to both the existing hospital and the proposed new location of Riverside as well as Sentara Virginia Beach. She said that she believed that two additional round-the-clock staffed ambulances would be necessary to maintain the current call volume and would prefer a third, especially during the summer; i.e., a doubling of her budget.

Mr. Coady arrived at 5:00 p.m.

Ms. Carpenter stated that a bigger problem was the recruiting of the additional twelve persons necessary.

Mr. Randall suggested that a cost analysis of additional staff and capital costs vs. establishment of a stand-alone facility be done.

Mr. Murray said that funding and hiring of staff were two big issues and suggested that the Committee give the Board of Supervisors a range of funding scenarios including the long-term possibility of a tax increase.

Mr. Coady stated that the volunteer units need to be strengthened and requested transport statistics from Riverside, which Ms. Carpenter indicated she could provide. Mr. Coady also noted that he had spoken with a Rural Health specialist (Mr. Tim Cook of Virginia Rural Health Resource) out of Blacksburg who is willing to visit and agreed that a preliminary report to the Board containing transport information could be provided. Mr. Coady and Dr. Gray agreed to speak with Mr. Cook.

Some conversation was had with regard to a tele-medicine option that can be implemented currently; although it would not have the bandwidth to accommodate the needs of everyone, it could be part of the solution.

Mr. Murray noted that Rural Health is offering seminars on the Affordable Care Act and hoped that there would be more ways to bill for our services. Mr. Randall thought that we should phase in our plans for short/medium/long term solutions. Mr. Murray agreed to develop such a timeline chart.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013 @ 4:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice K. Williams  
Asst. to the County Administrator